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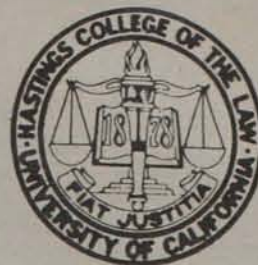
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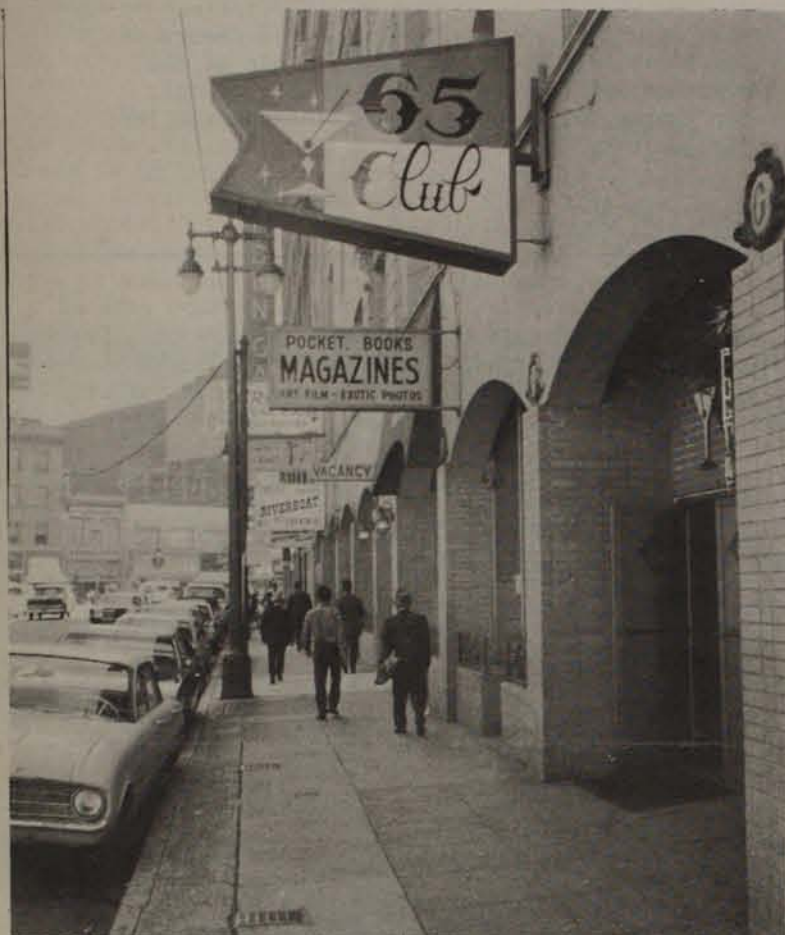
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HAPPY APRIL FIRST !!!
from the "65 Club" in S.F.

BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

This year the blood drive sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) legal fraternity was a resounding success. More than fifty people donated their blood at 55 Hyde on the tenth of December '69. This blood was donated to the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank in San Francisco to be credited on an account which PAD maintains in the name of Hastings College of the Law, for the use of any Hastings students, faculty, or their families.

This fund of blood will remain credited to the Hastings account for one year from the date of donation. When that year runs out any residuals in the account are donated to a worthy charity. This year we had a very active account with a turnover of nearly one hundred pints, and at our request, the blood remaining in last year's account was donated to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children and the San Francisco Hemophilia Foundation.

At present we have a fund of fifty-four pints available for immediate use. However, we had tentative requests for nearly half the fund, so we may have to hold another drive later this year.

In any case, PAD and those students and faculty who have been helped (cost without the fund support would run to nearly forty dollars per pint) wish to thank those students who have participated and hope for the continuing support of all of you.

In a conversation with the Hastings Law News last week, Vice Dean Marvin Anderson gave indication of Administration policy with respect to mandatory fees and second-year enrollment.

The questions regarding fees arose primarily from reaction to the questionnaire which was mailed to all students two weeks ago asking what they thought about the fees, and whether or not the fees should be retained.

The gravest concern was voiced by members of ASH Council, for without mandatory student fees, the Council has no funds to spend and is essentially powerless to promote the programs it considers to be worthy of its support.

Dean Anderson attempted to allay these fears by explaining why the Board of Directors decided to send out the questionnaire.

"Until two years ago, fees for student government at Hastings were raised on a voluntary basis," stated Anderson. Apparently, there was some furious campaigning to persuade students to voluntarily give money to the Council at the beginning of every year.

"Under the voluntary system," said Anderson, "there was never more than about forty to fifty percent participation by the student body." In view of the pressing need for funds, the student officers went before the administration and Board of Trustees to ask if they would levy the mandatory fees, as the Board alone has that power.

The Board assented to the fees. At the present time, according to Dean Anderson, there are no plans to discontinue the fees. However, the decision to levy the mandatory fees must be made anew each year, and the Board decided that they would like to be informed a little better by circulating what Dean Anderson termed to be an "innocuous" little questionnaire.

Dean Anderson commented that the Board would probably keep the fees, but that they wanted to decide if there was "overwhelming" opposition to them. "The Board realizes that if only a little over forty percent of the students can be persuaded to contribute voluntarily, the results of such a questionnaire will, probably at the most favorable extreme, reflect that around forty per-cent of the students want fees. At worst, it may show that practically no students want the fees. This is what the Board wants to determine. They realize that, considering the broad issue, nobody wants to pay fees if they are unnecessary, just as nobody probably wants to take tests." From this it might be inferred that unless there is something over seventy-five per-cent opposition to the fees, they will be retained. Even at that, the Board may decide that the fees are necessary to enable ASH to finance its programs.

As regards second-year enrollment, Dean Anderson's office last week issued a statement that the first year class would definitely not be pared down to a "quota" of around 350 by means of grades. "There is no reason why every first year student here now cannot be here next year. We can accommodate them."

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PLACEMENT SERVICE

This is the second in a series of articles about the Hastings Office of Law Placement.

Running an effective placement program is a time consuming, often thankless, mostly clerical task of considerable magnitude. There are at least five major areas of responsibility: 1. publicity; 2. communications processing; 3. notification and scheduling; 4. arrangements; 5. follow-up and record keeping. Each will be examined in turn below.

Publicity is an on-going program of formal and informal dimensions. On the formal side we have our annual mailing. Fortunately this summer we were able to locate a very new and effective automated mailing system to which we were able to convert our existing list at relatively modest cost. Not only did this discovery and application relieve us of the unbelievably difficult manual mailings of the past but it allowed us to greatly increase our exposure (2500 names to over 6000 names plus greater mailing frequency if desired) and flexibility. With an annual updating this mailing list is of great benefit in publicizing the Hastings placement operation.

The material included in the mailing consists of an attractive 8 page brochure (designed and edited by our office) describing the program in detail, accompanied by a brief cover letter directed at the particular interests of the addressee. The mailing also calls attention to our Placement Digest, which contains photographs and biographical descriptions of most seniors seeking permanent positions upon graduation. Also designed and edited by our office this publication has received tremendous favorable comment from the legal community who have been sent or requested a copy. Prospective employers have found the Digest helpful in identifying prospective associates, in recalling them after an interview, or in reviewing resumes at their office if unable to come to campus.

Since the Placement Digest is also the senior section of the Hastings Annual it is very important that all second year students be included. Photographs will be taken free of charge, on one day only this year, Thursday, April 16, 1970 (subject to change). Announcements will be made shortly in your classes and sign-up sheets will be posted on the Placement Office Bulletin Board. But keep the date in mind and plan to be

there as this is a very important aspect of Hastings placement program. We also ask that you submit a brief biographical data summary to the Office as a condition of appearing in the Digest. The information supplied (on forms to be distributed soon) is used to compose the "blurb" that appears beside your picture.

Less formal or regular aspects of publicity include occasional articles in alumni publications, in the State Bar Journal, the school newspaper, the Recorder, etc. Also important is word of mouth which develops as a result of prospective hiring organizations' increasing favorable exposure to effective Hastings graduates, to interviewees on campus, to our placement program, and to others who have had good contact with Hastings in one form or another.

Next issue: items 2 - 5 of the major areas of responsibility. Future issues: role of the placement office vis a vis students, school, and prospective employers; and the outlook for placement at Hastings.

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Anderson explained that the attrition rate of students has been rapidly declining over the past few years until last year, the attrition rate for first-year students was 7.8%. "Given the fact that Hastings standards of admission were higher last year than ever before, there is no reason to expect that the attrition rates for present first-year students should be any higher. In fact we expect it to be lower." At the present time, there are 494 first-year students. Even if the attrition rate this year is equal to the previous figure of 7.8%, that means that the Administration is planning on a minimum of 456 students in the second-year class next year.

To cope with the increased numbers, there will be four sections instead of three for all required courses in the second year. This involves an application and budget request to the California Legislature. The extra \$40,000-\$50,000 which will be required to finance the extra section in second year alone has already been submitted and approved by the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst in the Governor's Cabinet. It goes before Legislative Committee on March 31, and Dean Anderson states that "there is no reason why the measure will not pass."

-- Kenneth P. Steelberg

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HEALTH ?

In a previous issue of the HLN, Dr. Rittenberg provided information concerning the scope and function of the Student Health Service.

Anyone who has met Dr. Rittenberg is well aware of the fine job she does with the wretched facilities with which she is provided.

With the completion of the new building last Fall, some students thought that there would be a change for the better in the facilities available to them. Last year was the first year that the Health Service was in operation at the College, and it was located on the first floor at 55 Hyde St. The move to the Law School building did nothing to improve on the situation as it existed last year.

The most obvious deficiency is the size of the rooms available. They are extremely small, and there is no privacy. The student feels he is before a summary hearing rather than a doctor. Any doctor will attest to the fact that it is easier to get information needed for an accurate diagnosis when there is a private meeting between doctor and patient.



It is not as if there are not facilities available. There is, on the contrary, a good deal of space available on the first floor of 55 Hyde St. It could be put to good use next year. The large central space could be used for cots and equipment, or perhaps a waiting room. Indeed, the room was used when Phi Alpha Delta had its blood drive. The smaller cubicles on the east side of the building could be used as diagnosis and treatment rooms.

There has been some concern expressed by members of the administration that a move over to 55 Hyde St. would be undesirable because of inadequate security for the medicine kept for the doctor. The present facilities are hardly more secure, and certainly no more secure than last year's rooms at 55 Hyde. Furthermore, with the limits placed on the time and budget of the doctor it is doubtful that there is any medication there which could be harmful if stolen. One cannot be harmed too much by mainlining aspirin.

Dr. Rittenberg's requests that students not seek routine check-ups or treatment for pre-existing illness, plus the request for information on students' medical histories, are reasonable. There are few schools which provide these services. There are also few schools, however, which provide less care for the infirmities which should be treated.

As the situation now stands, a student with a problem more serious than the sniffles but less serious than pneumonia must go through the Student Health Service before he goes to U.C. Med Center. Since Dr. Rittenberg is neither authorized nor provided with facilities to treat anything more serious than the most minor illnesses, students should be



allowed direct access to the Med Center at their own discretion. Contrary to fears of officials here and at the Med Center, they would not be inundated by a flood of mucus from the litigious membranes of Hastings students. Besides, since the Med Center is remote from Hastings, nobody is going to spend an entire afternoon transporting himself to the Med Center, getting treatment (maybe), and transporting himself back again, all for a case of acute sniffles. (There is also an additional note here that this inconvenience is, too often, for minor cases, tantamount to a denial of treatment. Telling a student with a severe cold, but without a car and/or three or four hours to spare, that he must go to the Med Center for a shot of penicillin is like telling someone to go to L.A. via the polar route.)

Another unfortunate problem acknowledged by Dr. Rittenberg, but again, not her fault, is that the Health Service is open only in the morning. Now, admittedly, being turned away from the Health Service at 12:45 is not as frustrating as *coitus interruptus*, but it is at the very least irksome and inconvenient, especially since this year students go to class both morning and afternoon. Dr. Rittenberg herself stated that "If you want medical attention on a particular class day, come to the Health Service early even if you have to cut a class." That fact that a student has to cut a class to get the medical attention he needs only underscores the need for a full-time service, either here or else where.

There are some who say that an illness which is not serious enough to cut a class for is not serious enough to worry about. Since the health service treats only the most minor cases, this makes a poignant statement about the value of attending classes at Hastings.

The following solutions are offered:

- 1) Provide for health facilities all day; 2) Move to more spacious facilities; 3) Arrange with a local doctor within a few minutes walking distance to care for the students referred by the doctor here, rather than send them on an odyssey to the Med. Center; 4) Or, discontinue the present services entirely and make provision for direct access to treatment at a private doctor or the Med Center.

"...an enema delayed is an enema denied," dicta by Douglas, J.,...see also dissenting opinion by Carswell, J.

--KPS



We, the Women's Student Union, seek respect for our capabilities as individuals. We seek recognition of our intellectual abilities, particularly as they relate to the field of law. Law is not intrinsically a male profession.

Therefore, we seek to implement our goals by the following means:

- 1) To encourage women to enter the study of the law;
- 2) To secure equal opportunities for the admission of women into law schools;
- 3) To assist women students during their legal education through advice, academic help, and financial aid;
- 4) To participate in research in, and assist in, the dissemination of knowledge concerning women and the law;
- 5) To bring attention to and eliminate prejudicial attitudes toward women law students which overtly and covertly discourage them and ultimately deny them an equal opportunity for quality education;
- 6) To sponsor political or legal action against sex-discrimination - overt or de facto - in law schools, bar associations, the courts, law firms, and other areas of society;
- 7) To foster progress and achievement by women in law;
- 8) To honor those institutions and individuals who make significant contributions to the struggle for equality of women in the world of law;
- 9) To encourage women law students to achieve the fullest development of their abilities in whatever area of the law they may choose.

The Women's Student Union does not believe that the legal profession naturally divides along the lines of sex. Our goals are to achieve the maximum utilization of human talents within the profession.

Whatever your cause, it's a lost cause unless we control population.

"You Better Put In a Bigger Landing Strip for Me"



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Letters



To the Editor:

Let's get this discussion back to important issues, now that the definitive statement on Violence in Amerika has been issued. I refer to B of A's free, full-page advertisement which deplored, in appropriate Nixonian terms, the lamentable trend towards mindless violence in contemporary America/. Mindless violence, it is to be assumed, comes from the left (the opposite assumption to be drawn is that any violence issuing from the right [B of A] is not mindless, and therefore is A - O.K.).

Anyway, since B of A is good to Hastings students in the matter of student loans, Hastings students should refrain from biting the hand that feeds them, and limit themselves to parochial issues. For instance, why not direct mindful violence at our colorful student lounge television set? Its consistently hallucinatory hues are unquestionably an inducement to student inaction and lack of incentive.

Money-minded radicals might even suggest that a black-and-white (cheap) set would have been preferable to a magenta-and-purple one (expensive).

Since B of A is "a particularly poor target" for student violence, students should perhaps turn their anger towards less controversial subjects like television sets which are inanimate (I think) and which cannot rely on the silent majority for support. But for God's sake lay off the Coke machines. Any attack on Coca-Cola would probably unleash a reaction of problem-packed promotional pap (free informational ads) making B of A's effort puny by comparison. Coca-Cola is but one company but it owns the world.

--Brian Shortell

ATTENTION SENIORS

The final registration dates for this summer's Bar Exam is May 1st in California. However, the California State Bar Examiners are revising the application and it is not yet available.

As soon as the application is available, an announcement will be made and notice posted to all sections. A fingerprinter will be available at the school on a later day at the cost of 50¢/student. Those students who are unable to be fingerprinted at that time will have to find their own fingerprinter.

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